

2005 Grants

Democracy & Governance: 35 projects

Name of Organization: Mississippi Consortium for International Development

Location: Jackson, Mississippi

Subject: Strengthening Democratic Governance

Under this grant, the Mississippi Consortium for International Development (MCID) will conduct a multi-phased exchange program to strengthen democratic governance in three Nigerian states (Kaduna, Kano, Katsina). Activities will include in-country workshops that will bring lawmakers, executive branch officials and civil society representatives together to enhance their capacity to build alliances in support of high impact legislation; a U.S. study tour consisting of representatives from the three Nigerian states, including civil society leaders; the formation of state-to-state partnerships between three U.S. states and their Nigerian counterparts participating in this program; and in-country capacity building training and technical assistance to build the capacity of lawmakers and civil society representatives in monitoring and evaluating successes achieved.

Country(ies): Nigeria

Region: Africa

U.S. State: Mississippi

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: National Council of State Legislatures

Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Accountability to Constituents in African Parliaments

The National Council of State Legislatures (NCSL) will conduct a one-year exchange program between members of parliament and staff from seven French-speaking African countries (Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Senegal) and U.S. state legislators and legislative staff. The program will focus on how a legislature serves a population diverse in religion, ethnicity, educational levels or socio-economics, and it will demonstrate to the African parliamentary members and staff how legislators in the U.S. are open and accessible to diverse groups in society and how these groups engage the legislature. Activities will include: (1) two two-week U.S. study tours for African parliament members and staff; (2) a two-week African study tour for U.S. legislators and staff culminating in a regional forum for the African counterparts; and (3) a workshop on the role of parliamentary staff in facilitating the representation of social diversity to parliamentarians and the political process.

Country(ies): Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal

Region: Africa

U.S. State: Washington, DC
Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: Southern Illinois University

Location: Carbondale, Illinois

Subject: African Media Promoting Transparency in Government

Southern Illinois University (SIU) will conduct a five-stage exchange program with Uganda, Kenya and Ethiopia on the promotion of transparency in government through quality journalism. Activities include travel to the U.S. by 16 African journalists, journalism educators, government officials and leaders of NGOs to participate in workshops and media visits in Carbondale, Chicago and Washington, DC, and travel to East Africa by nine Americans to conduct large-scale workshops.

Country(ies): Uganda, Kenya, and Ethiopia
Region: Africa
U.S. State: Illinois
Theme(s): Democracy & Governance and Media

Name of Organization: League of Women Voters

Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Developing Democracy & Governance in Kenya

The League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF), in partnership with the National Council of the Women of Kenya (NCWK), will conduct a grassroots level exchange designed to promote good governance in Kenya by strengthening accountability and transparency in government institutions and by building trust among civil society, government and members of parliament. The first phase of the program will bring Kenyans to the U.S. to observe the way local government and civil society interact. Activities will include meetings with elected members of the U.S. Congress and key staff, Executive Branch officials, representatives of local professional associations, and national civil society organization leaders; teaming with a member of the Lobby Corps for a day of lobbying on Capitol Hill; and shadowing an elected official and a member of a national civil society organization. In the second phase, LWVEF member-professionals will travel to Kenya to participate in a series of small meetings throughout the country to discuss the importance of good governance.

Country(ies): Kenya
Region: Africa
U.S. State: Washington, DC
Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: Institute for Training and Development

Location: Amherst, Massachusetts

Subject: Promoting Tolerance & Public Service in Indonesia

The Institute for Training and Development (ITD) will conduct an exchange program intended to demonstrate to Indonesian education, political, religious, and community leaders how tolerance, openness, respect, and public service are critical components of democracy in America and how they can be adapted to the Indonesian context. ITD will assist the participants in investigating how these values and the development of values-based education, such as civic education, that reflects religious and community values, will provide young people with the motivation and the tools to participate in their young democracy. A major element in the project is the facilitation and maintenance of networks among individuals, their institutions, and their professional associations both within and between Indonesia and the U.S.

Country(ies): Indonesia

Region: East Asia and Pacific

U.S. State: Massachusetts

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: Columbia University

Location: New York, New York

Subject: Developing Ecotourism and Conservation Materials for Tibetans

Columbia University will conduct an educational and cultural exchange to develop human capacity in Tibet that will facilitate the training of Tibetans in ecotourism and conservation. The project will develop relevant educational materials and courses in the Tibetan language in order to support the work of other NGOs working with Tibetans on ecotourism implementation. It will also provide training for government planners and policymakers. Through exchanges between U.S. and Tibetan educators, conservationists and experts, the project will train tourism practitioners and equip a core group of Tibetan teachers to develop the knowledge and teaching of ecotourism and conservation, by holding courses, workshops and meetings in the U.S. and in various areas of Tibet, and by preparing and distributing Tibetan-language case studies and educational materials.

Country(ies): People's Republic of China (Tibet)

Region: East Asia and Pacific

U.S. State: New York

Theme(s): Business, Democracy & Governance, Congressional Interest Project

Name of Organization: University of Massachusetts

Location: Boston, Massachusetts

Subject: Moot Court Project in China

Under this grant, the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies of the University of Massachusetts, Boston, in cooperation with the Massachusetts Judges Conference, a private association of over 400 sitting and retired Massachusetts state judges, continue its ongoing Moot Court Project in China. Project activities use moot court criminal trials and procedural demonstrations to focus on issues such as: motions to suppress evidence; restraining orders due to domestic violence; admissibility of confessions; the use and misuse of expert testimony; judicial review of labor regulatory agencies; bail hearings; and the right to a speedy trial. Trial activities will include cross-examination of police officers and demonstrations of how the American open discovery process works. The group will also schedule corruption trials, to show the importance of countering corruption and the intricacies of addressing this type of crime.

Country(ies): People's Republic of China

Region: East Asia and Pacific

U.S. State: Massachusetts

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation

Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Mansfield Fellows

The program, established by Congress in 1994, provides an opportunity for U.S. federal government officials to gain substantial personal knowledge about the Government of Japan by working alongside their counterparts in Japanese agencies. Those selected as Mansfield Fellows spend one year in Washington in intensive training in the Japanese language and the political economy of Japan, a second year at a Japanese government agency, and upon their return, work at least two years in the U.S. Government.

Country(ies): Japan

Region: East Asia and Pacific

U.S. State: Washington, DC

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance, Congressional Interest Project

Name of Organization: National Committee on U.S.-China Relations

Location: New York, New York

Subject: Promoting Conflict Resolution in the People's Republic of China and Taiwan

The National Committee on United States-China Relations (NCUSCR) will conduct an exchange program in conflict resolution, aimed at “Developing a New Generation of Cross-Strait Interlocutors.” The project will have the dual goal of providing introductory training in conflict resolution techniques for, and facilitating ongoing dialogue among, students in the Peoples Republic of China (PRC), Taiwan and the U.S. This will be done through an annual, week-long program that will combine training in conflict resolution techniques with dialogue and exercises designed to foster friendship, trust and camaraderie. Foreign participants in these exchanges will be recommended by NCUSCR, with the approval of the U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Section, and in accordance with The Human Rights, Refugee and Other Foreign Provisions Act of 1996, as amended.

Country(ies): People’s Republic of China, Taiwan
Region: East Asia and Pacific
U.S. State: New York
Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: Northern Illinois University

Location: DeKalb, Illinois

Subject: Promoting Democracy & Governance

Northern Illinois University (NIU) will implement a multi-phase program for leaders from government, education, religious, media and business communities to promote democratic ideals in the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM). The four-phase program includes: (1) an orientation program on political processes in the Philippines and the U.S. for ARMM participants; (2) a four-week U.S.-based program of professional development, action plan development, study tour/site visits, interaction and dialogue; (3) implementation of action plans in selected communities in the ARMM; and (4) follow-on activities and site visits by the NIU team to monitor and evaluate the community projects. The follow-on activities in Mindanao will enable continued dialogue between the government of the Philippines, the leadership and civil society actors in the ARMM, and international experts.

Country(ies): Philippines
Region: East Asia and Pacific
U.S. State: Illinois
Theme(s): Democracy & Governance, Media, Business

Name of Organization: University of Massachusetts

Location: Boston, Massachusetts

Subject: Training Program on Intellectual Property Rights in Russia

This grant will support a training program on intellectual property rights (IPR) in Russia coordinated by the University of Massachusetts John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies. The program will consist of two visits by six U.S. experts to Russia and the travel of 14 Russian judges, industry representatives, and legal educators to Boston for trainings and presentations over the course of eighteen months. The program will expose participants to ways that litigators, judges, educators, and industry approach IPR issues in the U.S., and it will examine how participants might apply these approaches in Russia.

Country(ies): Russia

Region: Europe

U.S. State: Massachusetts

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance, Business

Name of Organization: Boston College

Location: Chestnut Hill, MA

Subject: Supporting Professional Exchanges in
Ireland and Northern Ireland

Boston College will conduct exchanges with Ireland and Northern Ireland on such topics as investigative journalism, education, young leaders development, e-governance, media spokespeople training, childhood education, and city management. Project activities will include site visits in Washington, DC; New York City; Birmingham, Alabama; Charleston, South Carolina; Denver, Colorado; and San Francisco, California, as well as seminars and workshops at Boston College for approximately 50 participants. The project will also send Americans to Northern Ireland and Ireland to conduct workshops and consultations for a wider audience.

Country(ies): Ireland and United Kingdom (Northern Ireland)

Region: Europe

U.S. State: Massachusetts

Theme(s): Media, Democracy & Governance
Congressional Interest Project

Name of Organization: Foundation for Russian-American Economic Cooperation

Location: Seattle, WA

Subject: Promoting Democracy & Governance in Russia

This project will support a two-way exchange program designed to improve governance, increase transparency and ensure accountability in Khabarovsk Krai and Primorsky Krai, Russia. The project includes two, three-week visits to Seattle by a total of 16 Russian

local leaders who work on governance issues; a two-week visit by six American trainers to Russia to conduct follow-up training and consultations; and visit to Russia by two American trainers to evaluate the program and provide ongoing assistance to participants.

Country(ies): Russia
Region: Europe
U.S. State: Washington
Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: Iowa Council for International Understanding

Location: Des Moines, Iowa

Subject: Reducing Conflict in Kosovo

This project will support a two-way exchange program designed to reduce conflict in Kosovo. The project includes a visit by four Iowans to Kosovo to conduct an intensive participant recruitment and selection campaign; a two-week, interactive conflict prevention workshop for five Kosovo youth advocates to Iowa; a two-week interactive conflict prevention workshop for five Kosovo government officials to Iowa and a two-week, interactive conflict prevention workshop in Iowa for representatives of Kosovo non-governmental organizations. The project concludes with a one-week visit by four Iowans to Kosovo for sector-focused workshops on conflict prevention and management.

Country(ies): Serbia (Kosovo)
Region: Europe
U.S. State: Iowa
Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX)

Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Promoting Volunteer Projects in Historic and Cultural Preservation in Russia and the United States

The U.S.-Russia Volunteer Initiative is designed to foster cooperation between the U.S. and Russia through volunteer projects in both countries. Under this grant, the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) will conduct a two-way exchange program for 14 U.S. and Russian volunteers between the ages of 22 and 35 focusing on historic and cultural preservation in both the U.S. and Russia. Activities include an orientation in Washington, DC; eight-week volunteer internships; and end-of-program debriefing and consultations in Moscow.

Country(ies): Russia

Region: Europe
U.S. State: Washington, DC
Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: Quebec-Labrador Foundation/Atlantic Center for the Environment

Location: Ipswich, Massachusetts

Subject: Promoting the Stewardship of Cultural Heritage

Under this grant, the Quebec-Labrador Foundation/Atlantic Center for the Environment will conduct a two-way exchange program for community leaders from the U.S., the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia focusing on stewardship of cultural heritage. Activities include reciprocal visits by local leaders to the U.S. and Central Europe, and mentoring assignments, professional fellowships, and staff exchanges between local institutions in Central Europe and New England.

Country(ies): Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia
Region: Europe
U.S. State: Massachusetts
Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: Quebec-Labrador Foundation

Location: Ipswich, Massachusetts

Subject: Promoting Conflict Management and Resolution

The Quebec-Labrador Foundation (QLF) will conduct an exchange program focused on conflict management and resolution. Fifteen participants—nine environmental and community development specialists from Israel, Egypt, Jordan, and the Palestinian Authority and six from the United States—will participate in four mutually reinforcing exchange components: fellowships that include study tours, individual assignments, and extended training workshops; a train-the-trainer capacity-building workshop; the collection and publication of “best practice” case studies; and the provision of participant-led training workshops in both the Middle East and the U.S.

Country(ies): Israel, Egypt, Jordan, and the Palestinian Authority
Region: Middle East and North Africa
U.S. State: Massachusetts
Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: American University

Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Promoting Conflict Resolution in
Israeli and Palestinian Schools

This grant will support the development of a conflict resolution curriculum, including a teacher's guide and a teacher training program, for Palestinian, Israeli, and American teachers and education specialists. American University's Center for Global Peace will partner with the Peace Research Institute in the Middle East to conduct exchanges, consisting of cooperative work among six American and 19 foreign participants in Washington, DC, and at diverse sites in Israel and the Palestinian Authority. The project will involve site visits, the development of a teacher training protocol and its testing through a series of observed workshops/teacher training sessions, and the introduction of this new curriculum/approach to conflict resolution through education to American teachers by a joint team of Americans, Israelis, and Palestinians.

Country(ies): Israel and the Palestinian Authority
Region: Middle East and North Africa
U.S. State: Washington, DC
Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: DePaul University

Location: Chicago, Illinois

Subject: Preserving Cultural Heritage Sites

Under this grant, DePaul University's College of Law will conduct an exchange program focusing on themes related to the preservation of cultural heritage. Forty government representatives and specialists in the fields of law, law enforcement, archaeology, and museum science, from Afghanistan, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, Pakistan, and the United States will participate in a six-day workshop conducted in Chicago by expert facilitators from several Western nations. There will also be site visits to institutions and archaeological and historic locations in Washington, DC. Each national group will devise a blueprint for action and a "toolkit," a source of information on legal documentation, and security-related methods of protecting sites and artifacts. Three expert facilitators will travel to the participants' countries to provide consultation and assistance in the implementation of plans to protect archaeological heritage.

Country(ies): Afghanistan, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, Pakistan
Region: Middle East and North Africa and South and Central Asia
U.S. State: Illinois
Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: George Mason University

Location: Fairfax, Virginia

Subject: Encouraging Tolerance in Tajik Institutions

This grant will support a two-year project coordinated by George Mason University's Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (ICAR). The project is designed to enhance the interaction and cooperation between indigenous religious and educational institutions in Tajikistan to encourage a more tolerant society. Project activities will include a series of workshops on religious diversity in Tajikistan by American experts; a study tour for 14 Tajik educators in the greater Washington, D.C., area; the development of a resource center on diversity and tolerance in Dushanbe; and the creation of a curriculum on the role of religion in society for implementation in Tajik higher educational institutions.

Country(ies): Tajikistan

Region: South and Central Asia

U.S. State: Virginia

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: Eastern Iowa Community College District

Location: Davenport, Iowa

Subject: Developing Learning Modules for Intercultural Understanding and Communication

Eastern Iowa Community College District, in cooperation with the Stella Maris College in Chennai, will conduct a two-way exchange of three teams of six American and Indian educators and community leaders. The teams will develop six learning modules and one full course focused on increasing intercultural understanding and intercultural communication skills. Each learning module will include a case study involving the role of religious, community, educational, and political leaders in the U.S. and Indian societies. The case studies will be translated and presented via the Internet to U.S. and Indian college students.

Country(ies): India

Region: South and Central Asia

U.S. State: Iowa

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: The American Institute of Bangladesh Studies

Location: University Park, Pennsylvania

Subject: Promoting the Professional Development of Bangladeshi Higher Education Administrators

This grant will support a two-year exchange to promote the professional development of key Bangladeshi educational administrators in the private, public, and religious sectors of the higher education system. Activities will include a U.S. program for ten Bangladeshi university administrators, two workshops for 20 Bangladeshi and six U.S. university administrators in Dhaka, and the preparation of case studies produced by project participants into a published monograph.

Country(ies): Bangladesh
Region: South and Central Asia
U.S. State: Pennsylvania
Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: Washington University in St. Louis

Location: St. Louis, Missouri

Subject: Training in Community Mediation and
Conflict Resolution

The Washington University School of Law (WULAW) will conduct a three-year exchange program providing training in community mediation and conflict resolution to 15 Nepalese from the Kathmandu School of Law, the Forum for Women and Development, and the Gender Equity Program. Each year, five Nepalese participants will join international counterparts for two weeks of training and job shadowing at WULAW and one week at the Association for Conflict Resolution annual conference. A web-based training component, developed by WULAW in partnership with its partners in Nepal, will allow ongoing training and communication and will establish a network whereby other organizations involved in community conflict resolution can exchange ideas.

Country(ies): Nepal
Region: South and Central Asia
U.S. State: Missouri
Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: World Learning

Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Increasing Parental Involvement in Bangladeshi Schools

World Learning-Delphi (WL) will conduct a seven-month exchange project to increase parental involvement in primary schools in Bangladesh, aiming to encourage educational excellence and improve student performance. The project will build linkages between parents and community leaders in Bangladesh and school advocacy groups in the United States; the latter will serve as post-grant resources for the former. Twelve Bangladeshi

participants—teachers, education officials, parents, and NGO representatives—will travel to the U.S. for 21 days of training sessions and observational site visits addressing U.S. education, the role of school boards and PTAs, and volunteerism. They will develop work plans to implement upon their return to Bangladesh. Four U.S. participants will also visit Bangladesh to monitor progress toward fulfilling the work plans and to provide additional training and consultation.

Country(ies): Bangladesh
Region: South and Central Asia
U.S. State: Washington, DC
Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: National Council of State Legislators

Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Developing Institutional Linkages between U.S. State Legislators and their Indian Counterparts

The National Council of State Legislators (NCSL) will conduct a three-phase exchange program involving 20 legislators and key staff of state governments of India and the U.S. The purpose of the program is to foster closer relationships and develop institutional linkages between U.S. state legislators and staff and their state counterparts in India. Good governance and ethical standards will be promoted along with enhancing fiscal relationships between local, state and federal government. The program will aim to improve constituent relations by encouraging greater citizen participation and will strengthen democratic and federalism concepts in the context of public policy matters such as education and outsourcing.

Country(ies): India
Region: South and Central Asia
U.S. State: Washington, DC
Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: Georgetown University

Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Promoting Democracy & Governance

Georgetown University's Center for Intercultural Education and Development (CIED) will conduct a two-week program for 15 elected officials and municipal leaders from Honduras and Nicaragua. The program will explore issues of improving local governance, strengthening municipal budgeting and finance, building anticorruption and transparency, strategic planning and civic action plans, civic participation, and leadership development. The overall goal of the program is to strengthen a cadre of municipal

leaders from Honduras and Nicaragua by enhancing their skills and presenting strategies to promote and support the development of local governments. This will be accomplished through a balanced mix of presentations, site visits, and practical hands-on workshops.

Country(ies): Nicaragua, Honduras
Region: Western Hemisphere
U.S. State: Washington, DC
Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: Institute for Training and Development

Location: Amherst, Massachusetts

Subject: Sustaining Indigenous Cultural Identity

The Institute for Training and Development (ITD) will bring indigenous leaders from Ecuador and Guatemala together with North American Native American leaders, academics and other practitioners to explore challenges to the sustainability of indigenous cultural identity throughout the Western Hemisphere. The program consists of three phases: (1) bringing indigenous leaders together in Ecuador and Guatemala to prioritize key themes around which to focus the exchange and nominate and select participants; (2) a three-week U.S. training program which will take place in Amherst, Massachusetts, for 14 participants; and (3) the implementation of mini-grant projects in Ecuador and Guatemala.

Country(ies): Ecuador and Guatemala
Region: Western Hemisphere
U.S. State: Massachusetts
Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: Independent Television Service

Location: San Francisco, California

Subject: Supporting Travel to the 2005 International Public
Television Conference and the Production of 13 Films

Summary of Project:

The project will support travel to the 2005 International Public Television (INPUT) Conference in San Francisco for 75 – 100 public media filmmakers from Third World countries, which have been under-represented at previous INPUT conferences. Under International Media Development Fund (IMDF), it will support collaborative projects between independent documentary filmmakers and television producers for the purpose of making approximately 13 films about democracy and diversity in the United States, intended for export to other countries.

Country(ies): Worldwide
Region: Multiple
U.S. State: California
Theme(s): Media, Democracy & Governance
Congressional Interest Project

Name of Organization: Northern Forum

Location: Anchorage, Alaska

Subject: Supporting a Youth Environmental Forum

This project will support a youth environmental forum in Japan; a Northern governors' summit in Russia; a telemedicine project in two rural Russian regions; a geoinformation project in Alaska; a workshop in Japan on brown bear management issues; a Northern business leaders summit that will address small and medium-sized business expansion to overseas markets; the participation of Alaska representatives in the "Sustainable Model for Arctic Region Tourism" project; a "Healthy Lifestyles in the North Summit" for health care professionals, social workers and government officials that will address alcohol and substance abuse in the North; and the participation of Alaska representatives in a reindeer management workshop in Finland.

Country(ies): Worldwide
Region: Multiple
U.S. State: California
Theme(s): Democracy & Governance
Congressional Interest Project

Name of Organization: Inuit Circumpolar Conference

Location: Anchorage, Alaska

Subject: Democracy & Governance

The Inuit Youth Leadership Development Project aims to foster the development of a leadership model for youth that can be replicated within Inuit communities in the U.S., Canada, Greenland, and Russia. Project activities will begin with a planning and development program in Iqaluit, Canada, for ten Inuit tribal leaders and youth. The youth development plan and its implementation will be presented in meetings between the Inuit Circumpolar Youth Council and the International Elders Council at the General Assembly meeting in Barrow, Alaska, in the summer of 2006. The Inuit Circumpolar Conference (ICC)-Alaska will work with local communities in all four countries to implement the development project through 2006.

Country(ies): Worldwide

Region: Multiple
U.S. State: Alaska
Theme(s): Democracy & Governance
Congressional Interest Project

Name of Organization: American Council of Young Political Leaders

Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Promoting Non-Partisan Political Ties

ACYPL will develop a series of two-week study tours, involving up to 25 delegations of seven to twelve members each, to promote ties between young Republicans and Democrats and young political leaders throughout the world. Its reciprocal programs will promote democratic values in emerging democracies and strengthen ties with future leaders in established democracies. Through ACYPL's exchanges, the participants on both sides will become knowledgeable about international policy issues and political systems and processes

Country(ies): Worldwide
Region: Multiple
U.S. State: Washington, DC
Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: Arctic Winter Games Host Society

Location: Kenai, Alaska

Subject: Arctic Winter Games

The Arctic Winter Games will bring together Athletes (aged 11-18) from participating regions, including Alaska, the Northwest Territories, the Yukon, Northern Alberta, Northern Quebec, the Russian provinces of Magadan and Yamal, Greenland, Nunavut, Finland, and Norway, to compete in a wide variety of winter games including snowshoeing, indoor soccer, cross country skiing, hockey, dog mushing, gymnastics, speed skating, basketball, and volleyball. Approximately 2,000 athletes will participate in the Games. The Arctic Winter Games International Committee logo, consisting of three interlocking rings, symbolizes athletic competition, cultural exhibition, and social interchange. The weeklong games will take place in March 2006 on the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska.

Country(ies): Worldwide
Region: Multiple
U.S. State: Alaska
Theme(s): Democracy & Governance, Congressional Interest Project

Name of Organization: Institute of Representative Government

Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Parliamentary Development Projects

The Institute of Representative Government will arrange and monitor a series of highly targeted, well-timed parliamentary study missions that can provide critical impetus to parliamentary and democratic development initiatives. Specifically, the organization will implement the following exchanges: 1.) a Parliamentary Development project for Afghanistan; 2.) a project for Albanian parliamentarians on the function of district offices; 3.) a regional project for East African parliamentarians on taxing of industries; and 4.) a project for Mongolian parliamentarians on transparency in the legislative process.

Country(ies): Worldwide

Region: Multiple

U.S. State: Washington, DC

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance, Congressional Interest Project

Name of Organization: Montana Tech of the University of Montana

Location: Butte, Montana

Subject: Establish Academic and Research Relationships

The overall goals of the program are to establish long-term academic and research relationships with partnering international universities that will allow for faculty and graduate student exchanges. These programs will include faculty exchanges between collaborating institutions and a student thesis abroad program. Montana Tech graduate students will use this program to pursue thesis work at collaborating institutions.

Country(ies): Worldwide

Region: Multiple

U.S. State: Montana

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: Sister Cities International

Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Promoting Mutual Understanding

Sister Cities International (SCI), which promotes mutual understanding among citizens of the U.S. and abroad through the activities of the 1,300 U.S. cities affiliated with more than 2,400 sister cities in 137 countries around the world, acts as a coordinator and

catalyst in the development of various types of sister-city programs. This grant partially supports SCI functioning as a clearinghouse to gather, analyze and disseminate information and work directly with community leaders and citizen volunteers, as well as elected officials

Country(ies): Worldwide

Region: Multiple

U.S. State: Washington, DC

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance